

ALL UNSETTLED.

Business Situation Is Not Up to the Best Standard

Owing to Readjustment of Wages and Prices.

BRIGHT SPOT NOTED

In the Increased Demands for Hands on the Farms.

Bank Clearings a Little Ahead of the Previous Week.

New York, April 18.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Eastern trade and generally favorable weather accelerated retail distribution of merchandise, but there is no evidence of increased activity in preparation for future business, nor are manufacturers disposed to operate more extensively. In fact, some net curtailment of output is noted, and more reduction in wages have occurred, particularly at textile plants. There is an increased demand for farm hands and some disputed wage scales have been signed, but little change can be discerned in the total number of unemployed. Postponed structural work is started very slowly.

Only a moderate tonnage of pig iron has been taken during the past week and merchants furnaces have made concessions in order to get business, but the meeting of iron products has tended to steady the market. Some sales for export are recorded, although much less foreign business has been commensurate than was at first stated. Furnaces in the Pittsburgh region produce a little more freely but new orders are not as frequent as during the first three months of the year. In finished steel the lighter lines, such as tin plate and wire products, still command most attention and there is considerable business pending in pipe for all interests on the Pacific coast. The markets for textile goods are better because more bills are being discounted but jobbers are doing a limited business and reports from roadmen are not gratifying. The chief drawback to the cotton goods situation is the question of quotations, concessions being granted so readily that purchasers are naturally confined to immediate needs. Negotiations for cotton goods that were nearing consummation have been dropped because of the further severe fall in price of raw material. There is no encouragement in the outlook for export trade in the near future. As to the woolens, the demand for certain descriptions of men's wear continues gratifying but duplicate orders for fall goods still await result from clothiers' salesmen on the road. Demands are most urgent for brown and tan fancy worsteds in lightweight spring goods. Footwear markets are quiet, the jobbing demand from all sections being backward. Factories at the west, especially St. Louis, are cutting on a relatively larger scale than New England although there is a better demand of nearly all kinds of leather, tanners usually make concessions and the large buyers of hemlock sole secure deliveries at about one cent below the prices current a few weeks ago. More business is recorded in belting but sales are still on the basis of 35 cents, and some not quite up to standard have sold a full cent lower.

Bradstreet's.

Bradstreet's says: Easter trade at retail, though affected by sections by unfavorable weather, is on the whole fair. Collections show light improvements at a few centers and filling in orders by jobbers are a trifle better but reports from leading industries are no more favorable, rather more weak cases are noted in iron and steel and fall trade in leading lines is still disappointing. Backward in the building lines expenditures for the first quarter being 40 per cent below 1934—affects all lines of materials and export and import trade are ebbing. Negotiating in the foreign trade from the preceding fiscal year noted for five years past.

The number of idle hands is as large as for some time, wage reductions curtail buying power and the number

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of failures continues far ahead of a year ago.

Eastern conditions prevail in the iron and steel markets and production is smaller than it was a few weeks ago. Business in pig iron is very light, and lower prices have been made to attract even the small business going. Finished iron and steel are likewise quiet and rail orders are only fair. Plates are exceptionally dull and fabricators of structural material, particularly in the Chicago district, have named some low quotations on business recently booked although there is no evidence that the market have brought lower than list prices. Demand for structural material is fair, tract elevation and railroad bridge building causing the bulk of the business. Bar iron in bulk and this adversely affects the market. In fact, the widespread expectation of lower prices seems to have superinduced a waiting mood of the purchasers in general, but the leading producers insist that prices will be maintained.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending April 14 number 261, against 258 last week, 167 in the like week of 1934, 167 in 1933 and 199 in 1932.

Canada for the week ending April 16 number 29 as against 28 last week and 18 in this week a year ago.

Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States for the week ending April 16, aggregated 2,470,177 bushels, against 2,451,099 last week, 3,102,467 this week last year and 4,118,108 in 1932. For the 52 weeks of the fiscal year the exports are 174,379,693 bushels against 138,983,628 in 1934-35 and 206,066,291 in 1933-34.

Corn exports for the week are 292,928 bushels, against 545,714 last week and 1,593,622 in 1934. For the fiscal year to date the exports are 43,244,058 bushels, against 58,000,201 in 1934-35.

Bank Clearings.

Bradstreet's bank clearings report for the week ending April 16 shows an aggregate of \$2,373,345.00 as against \$2,340,000 last week and \$3,018,472.00 in the corresponding week last year. The following is the list of the cities:

Cities	Amount	Inc. Dec.
New York	\$1,273,785.00	\$14
Chicago	1,094,000.00	36
Boston	139,827.00	22.7
Philadelphia	115,744.00	24.8
St. Louis	63,446.00	1.9
Pittsburgh	42,473.00	27.8
San Francisco	28,436.00	20.4
Baltimore	27,765.00	15.0
Milwaukee	22,430.00	22.3
Cincinnati	24,664.00	19.1
Minneapolis	18,667.00	10.9
Portland	14,828.00	17.4
Cleveland	15,046.00	19.0
Detroit	13,610.00	9.1
Louisville	10,982.00	18.2
Los Angeles	10,467.00	22.7
Omaha	11,971.00	8.5
San Antonio	10,240.00	17.9
Seattle	8,850.00	17.9
St. Paul	8,253.00	3.8
Wichita	7,580.00	15.0
Denver	7,328.00	2.5
Fort Worth	8,395.00	33.7
St. Joseph	5,234.00	19.4
Lincoln, Neb.	3,065.00	19.4
Wichita	1,280.00	11.9
Okla. City	1,006.00	7.5
Houston	18,467.00	17.5
Galveston	11,523.00	11.7

NOW IN FULL BLOOM.

Sardou Cherry Orchard Is a Thing of Beauty.

As an Easter offering and a thing of unexcelled beauty the cherry orchard of Freeman Sardou in Oakland is pre-eminently entitled to a first place. This orchard, which joins Oakland on the west is now in the height of bloom and the 1,200 trees lend their fragrance to the adjacent territory and is a sight to be witnessed but rarely.

The orchard is the property of Freeman Sardou, who has issued a general invitation to the residents of Topeka to call Sunday and witness the first sight which will last but a few days. While this advertisement is not primarily a flower garden it resembles such more than anything else at this time, though it will remain in this condition for only a few days and then the grounds for a week will resemble a field covered with snow as the white petals fall to mother earth.

At the end of the week the trees will have cast off their Easter finery and will settle down to the prosaic life of an orchard growing fruit for the hungry of Topeka. The frost of two weeks ago nipped some of the early buds but an inexperienced eye could hardly detect a stem which has been robbed of its share of bloom.

The sight is an unusual one and well worth a trip to Oakland especially if you have a car. The orchard is a street car which passes within a stone's throw of the flower garden. To reach the orchard take a street car at Sixth and Kansas avenue and get off at the corner of Logan and Division street and you are there. Mr. Sardou or some representative will be on hand to meet you and welcome you to the "thing beautiful" of the season.

"The fruit will commence to ripen the first week in June," said Mr. Sardou, "and I expect to market at least three thousand crates of cherries from the orchard. The fruit will be disposed of in Topeka. There is a chance of course that this estimate is too high, for a high wind or frost might play havoc with the entire crop. Cherries are very tender for the first ten days after the fruit commences to form and we are now in a danger period for the late killing frosts and heavy rains come during the full moon period."

At the Play Last Night.

W. S. Hart, who is now playing the title role in "The Virginian" which was made rather famous by Dustin Farnum, showed at the Grand last night where the piece was produced before a good sized audience, that he is not much of an actor. He overdoes every bit of character drawing that falls to his lot and thereby spoils his part. He is a little over the top in his mannerisms that are anything but pleasing. And his smile of bashfulness, or rather grin, is actually hideous. Mr. Hart does much more than he should in the play, but several of which he has been seen in Topeka.

Outside of the work of Mr. Hart, which seemed to please a few of the audience who were in the play, the production of "The Virginian" was an adequate one. Miss Anne Meredith was a good Molly Wood and Frank Campanau, who created the part of Travis was fine. He is far away the best actor in the company. The play was attractively staged and particularly handsome was the setting for the third act showing "Horse Thief Pass."

Bringing Back Warkentin's Body. Naples, April 18.—The body of Bert Warkentin, a banker of Newton, Kan., left here today on board the steamer Koenig Albert for New York. Mr. Warkentin was accidentally shot and killed by a Syrian in a railroad train near Damascus, a little over two weeks ago. The body was accompanied by the widow and the son of the dead man.

HE SOLD COCAINE

G. E. Smith Convicted, Fined and Sentenced to Jail.

Witnesses Negro Women Who Are "Dope Fiends."

TAKEN OFF A TRAIN.

Wichita Girl Who Was Running Away From Home.

Though Indignant at Interference, Returns to Parents.

"The man that invented whisky was a great man," declared Thomas Longan to Sergeant Ross when brought in last night on a charge of drunk and vagrancy. This morning the prisoner confided to the jailer that the man that invented water was the greatest man in the world.

W. S. Plummer and G. E. Smith, druggists, were tried in police court yesterday on the charge of selling cocaine illegally. Plummer was discharged and Smith was found guilty on one count and fined \$50 and sentenced to 30 days in jail. He appealed the case. This was the first trial in police court under the ordinance passed last December. The increasing number of dope fiends in the city last fall caused the council to take some steps to stop the reckless sale of this drug. The police had a dozen witnesses in this case and they were all colored people addicted to the use of cocaine. The court room was filled with a nondescript lot of people when the cases against these druggists was called. The trial was not without interest. Jesse Harris, one of the witnesses, was under the influence of the drug while on the stand. She was wild. She said she had bought cocaine in one of these stores, but could not identify either of the defendants. The other witnesses were confused and uncertain in their evidence. All admitted that they were in the habit of buying cocaine.

Teenie Stammers, an old negro woman, declared that she had bought a fifty cent package of the drug from Smith. Another witness, a colored man, said she had bought a \$1.50 package at the Smith drug store, but could not remember the date. In spite of the lowly condition and color of the witnesses in yesterday's trial, a fact which the selling of cocaine without a prescription given by a doctor of good repute is a terrible crime against society—worse by far than selling whisky to the public—among numbers more men than women are their victims. Its effects are worse than whisky and its grip on all who use it incomparably stronger.

Cities generally over the country are recognizing cocaine as a new evil to be dealt with and are taking steps to suppress its sale. In New York city recently it was developed in the trial of a druggist that mothers had pawned their wedding rings and lockets containing their babies' pictures for this drug. The use of this drug has lately spread to alarming proportions. Topeka has an ordinance against the selling of cocaine without a regular prescription. Everybody should co-operate with the police in enforcing this law to the letter. It was developed in the trial that other Topeka people must be higher in the station of life than the poor witness in court were addicted to the use of this drug.

Acting on advice of a wire from Wichita, Sergeant Ross and Detective Hutton met the 3:30 Santa Fe train from Wichita yesterday afternoon and secured a young woman who was running away from her home in Wichita. The girl did not intend to stop here but the officers searched the train and found her with the aid of an exact description. The message causing her to run away refused to discuss her case back home with them. Her parents are well known people in Wichita and were anxious to avoid publicity in the matter of their daughter's escapade. It was impossible to learn from the cause of the girl's leaving home. The runaway is a girl of 17 years and attractive. She was much cast down over her detention by the Topeka officials and refused to discuss her case at all. She said she was running away from home, and that was as far as she would go into her affairs. When her parents came she made no trouble about accompanying them and took her ticket was from Wichita to Kansas City.

May Burns was arrested yesterday at 418 East Eighth street on charge of conducting a disorderly house. Nick Smith was arrested at the same time on charge of being an inmate of this house. Their trial was set for 3:30 this afternoon.

L. E. Conner, who was arrested in the Santa Fe yards at 1:30 this morning on charge of vagrancy, admitted to the officers that he had at one time served the regular army and claimed that he had received his honorable discharge last winter. He gave his home at White City, and said that he got his discharge from Co. I, Third Cavalry, of Engineers, at Fort Riley, after a little more than a year's service, on the strength of proof that his father was without means of support other than his son could give him. Uncle Sam let the boy go to his father, but the latter does not seem to have been very much benefited by the deal, as the boy is now in jail here on a vagrancy charge at best, if his story is true.

Four Were Drowned.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, April 18.—By the upsetting of a scow crossing Battling river, which was swollen by freshets, nine Grand Trunk Pacific railway workmen were thrown into the water and four of them were drowned.

Weekly Bank Statement.

New York, April 18.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold \$49,973,426 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent reserve rule. This is a decrease of \$6,000 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows:

	Loans	Deposits	Legal tenders	Specie	Reserve required	Surplus
Loans	\$1,195,728,900	\$3,317,100	\$1,246,600,900	\$20,800,000	\$9,494,300	\$29,500
Deposits	\$9,494,300	\$29,500	\$1,246,600,900	\$20,800,000	\$9,494,300	\$29,500
Legal tenders	\$9,494,300	\$29,500	\$1,246,600,900	\$20,800,000	\$9,494,300	\$29,500
Specie	\$9,494,300	\$29,500	\$1,246,600,900	\$20,800,000	\$9,494,300	\$29,500
Reserve required	\$9,494,300	\$29,500	\$1,246,600,900	\$20,800,000	\$9,494,300	\$29,500
Surplus	\$9,494,300	\$29,500	\$1,246,600,900	\$20,800,000	\$9,494,300	\$29,500
Decrease	\$9,494,300	\$29,500	\$1,246,600,900	\$20,800,000	\$9,494,300	\$29,500

The percentage of actual reserve of the clearing house banks at the close of business yesterday was 29.35.

The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York, not members of the clearing house shows that the banks have aggregated deposits of \$19,720,500, total cash and bank deposits of \$19,720,500, and loans amounting to \$308,372,300.

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SHAPSHOTS

Skating tonight with music.

Dr. Norman Plasse, president of Washburn college, is in Colorado spending a few weeks.

A meeting of the Swedish-American league will be held at the A. O. U. hall on West Sixth avenue Monday evening.

The state fair fund was increased yesterday \$45 in small donations which brings the grand total to \$11,244.

The Topeka team did not play at Independence yesterday on account of the rain. Today and tomorrow the team is in Tulsa, Okla.

Ware, Nelson & Ware is the style of the new law firm in Kansas City of which Eugene Ware is the former of Topeka lawyer, is a member.

One of the prettiest sights in or about Topeka is the cherry orchard in Oakland owned by Freeman Sardou which is now in full bloom.

T. A. McNeal, printer for the state of Kansas will deliver an address at the Indian Creek grange Tuesday evening at the Indian Creek school house.

A contributor to the Oakland Blade with a mathematical turn of mind has discovered that the suburb of Oakland is the home of 59 veterans of the civil war.

Topeka laymen contend that the tolling of the bell in the tower of the Church of the Assumption at 8 o'clock this morning marked the ending of the Lenten season.

The Washburn K. U. game which was postponed from yesterday on account of the rain will not be played until May 22. The relay race will also be called off at that time.

It really makes but little difference to the average Topekan when the Lenten season ends providing that the display of baby chickens is discontinued promptly Saturday evening.

The government forecast sent out from Chicago indicates a "perfectly lovely" Easter Sunday for Kansas, though the eastern states, including Illinois, will not fare so well.

The contract for the interior decorations of the National hotel has been placed by the National hotel with the purpose of attending Easter services at Grace cathedral. Column will form promptly at 2 o'clock and, preceded by Marshall's band, will move at 2:15. On the return to the hotel a luncheon will be served in the banquet hall.

By order of PETER COUTURE, Commander. HARRY F. WHITE, Recorder.

TODAY'S MARKET REPORTS

Chicago, April 18.—WHEAT—The wheat market today opened weak because of rain in Kansas and the fact that where it was said the crop was badly in need of moisture. Shorts were active bidders for the May option at 91¢, and then sold up to 92¢. The market advanced to 92¢, and Chicago reported receipts of 286 cars.

The net basis strong as trading advanced on good buying by commission houses and some covering by shorts. The close was firm with May 92¢ higher, at 92¢.

CORN—The corn market opened firm because of continued small receipts. May corn was unchanged to 1¢ lower, at 66¢, and sold at 67¢.

The market advanced late in the session in sympathy with wheat. The close was steady, with May 66¢ lower, at 66¢.

OATS—The oats market was quiet and prices were steady. May oats opened unchanged, at 33¢, and sold up to 34¢.

PROVISIONS—The provision market was firm because of a 10¢ advance in live hogs. Trade was very dull in pork and there was no change in the opening.

Pork opened 1/4¢ higher, at \$12.12 1/2. Lard opened 5/8¢ higher, at \$3.15. Ribs were 1/4¢ higher, at \$2.37 1/2.

RYE—Cash: 52¢. TIMOTHY—April, 42.5¢.

Chicago Market. (Furnished by J. E. Gail, Commission. Grain, Provisions, Cotton and Stock. Office 110 W. Sixth St. Phone 484.)

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REHEARSE SIX WEEKS.

Canata of Queen Esther Will Then Be Ready.

William B. Bradbury's beautiful Queen Esther, will be presented at the Auditorium the last of May for the benefit of the organ fund.

Regular rehearsals will commence on Monday evening in the Modoc rooms, in the Stormont building on West Sixth street. Members of the chorus are expected to be on hand promptly at 8 o'clock and notify their friends who would like to take part in the entertainment and assist in paying off the debt of the pipe organ.

Tenors and altos are especially invited. It is proposed to get right down to business and learn the music in short order, six weeks being the limit for rehearsal.